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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER  
STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE  
PREFECTURE OF HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.

1 WHEREAS, due to its multicultural population since the days  
2 of the Hawaiian monarchy in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Hawaii  
3 maintains a heritage of international participation and cultural  
4 sensitivity unparalleled in other states; and  
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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister  
7 state relationships as a means of asserting the State's active  
8 participation in international matters; and  
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains 16 sister state  
11 relationships, including relationships with four Japan  
12 prefectures; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Hokkaido is Japan's largest and northernmost  
15 prefecture and an important generator of tourism in Hawaii; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Hokkaido's well-known wintertime and year-around  
18 recreational activities, along with cultural ties, attract many  
19 travelers from Hawaii; and  
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21 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and Hokkaido will be  
22 highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening cultural  
23 bonds, and advancing common goals of international peace and  
24 brotherhood; now, therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is  
29 requested to authorize the establishment of a sister state  
30 relationship, as advised by the Hawaii Sister State Committee,



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between the State of Hawaii and the Prefecture of Hokkaido,  
Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States  
Secretary of State; Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan in  
Washington, D.C.; Governor of the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan;  
Consul General of Japan in Hawaii; Governor of the State of  
Hawaii; and the Chairperson of the Hawaii Sister State  
Committee.

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